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to make these relations clearer. In this combination of two flowers in one, two stamens and two segments of the perianth appear to have been lost.

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NEWS ITEMS

The prizes announced in *TORREYA* for February offered by the *Journal of Heredity* for photographs of the largest deciduous trees in the United States, have been awarded. In the order of size the largest trees entered in the contest and their girths are as follows: Sycamore, $42\frac{1}{2}$ ft.; Tulip tree, $34\frac{1}{2}$ ft.; Chestnut, $33\frac{1}{4}$ ft.; American Elm, 33 ft.; Black Walnut, 24 ft.; and White Oak, 21 ft. Besides the amount of information secured through the contest as to big and historical trees, there are many significant trends in forest geography suggested by the results. A preliminary report of the contest appears in the *Journal of Heredity* for September.

Dr. L. O. Kunkel sailed for Stockholm on September 25th for a year's study abroad.

Mr. Guy R. Bisby has gone to Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, to fill the position vacated by Dr. F. D. Fromme.

We regret to record the death on September 30 at his country home at Stamford, Conn., of Mr. Lowell M. Palmer, who for many years maintained one of the best private collections of evergreens and rhododendrons in this country. Hundreds of specimens at the New York Botanical Garden and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden were presented to those institutions by Mr. Palmer.

We learn from *Science* that the sum of \$25,000 has been put into a trust fund by the late Anna Yarnall for the support of the botanic garden of the University of Pennsylvania, as long as the garden "is under the supervision of the head of the botanical department."